

The Brookings County Times



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February 2018

UPCOMING DATES

Office Closed for
Presidents' Day
February 19

4-H Spring State Shoot
Registration Opens
February 28

SDSU Little International
March 23-24

Market Beef Weigh-in
April 4 from 4-6 pm

YQCA Training
May 7 from 6:30 pm

Market Sheep, Swine, & Goat
Weigh-in
May 23

Teen Leadership Conference
June 4-8

County Horse Show
June 19

County Dog Show
July 16

2018 Achievement Days
July 30—August 2

Reminder!

**PLEASE CASH YOUR
PREMIUM AWARD CHECKS!**

Member Insurance Due
Independent 4-H members,
please pay your insurance
fee to the Extension Office.

Regular Members: \$3
Members w/Horse: \$3.50

YQCA Replacing YPQA

In March 2017, the National Pork Board transitioned from YPQA to Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Educators and livestock industry professionals have noticed the success of the YPQA program and determined the need for a multi-specie (beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine), science-based educational program.

For 2017-18, 4-H will require all youth exhibiting swine projects at the county or state level to complete YQCA certification. **Certification must be obtained by July 1, 2018. This can be completed online or at the county YQCA training on May 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Contact the Extension Office prior to certification for instructions.** Next year (2018-2019) all youth exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits at the county or state level will be expected to become YQCA certified.

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Market Beef Weigh-In & Green Tagging

Initial weigh-in is no longer required for State Fair 4-H division participation. However, all market beef need to have a green tag and a DNA sample submitted in order to participate at the 2018 State Fair.

If you opt out of the weigh-in, it will become the responsibility of the family to collect a DNA Sample (using an approved envelope at the cost of \$6) and tag the animal with the appropriate 4-H identification tag available from the office.

The county market beef weigh-in and green tagging will be held on **Wednesday, April 4 at Vander Wal Yards (20740 464th Ave) from 4-6 pm.** DNA sample envelopes will be provided at \$6 each. This will be the only scheduled weigh-in. **Due to the opt-out, it is important that families contact the office if you will be weighing market beef. Please call 605.693.8280 by noon on Wednesday, April 4 with the number of head you will be weighing. If we don't receive any registrations, a weigh-in will not be held. The weigh-in will conclude as soon as all preregistered individuals have weighed.** Please read the attached document regarding county and state updates and changes regarding 4-H youth development and animal project updates.

The four H's stand for **HEAD, HEART, HANDS, HEALTH**

4-H Leader's Meeting ~ March 12, 2018



The 4-H Leader's Association will meet Monday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the classroom at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Please DO NOT let the title of the organization mislead you. All club leaders, volunteers, and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want your input!

Changes to 4-H Animal Project Participation

Updates have been made in an effort to elevate the importance of youth experience over contest participation and competition in animal projects. All of the changes are included in the attached Youth Development document. Important changes to review from the document include:



- Affidavits will be for unofficial use only.
 - 4-H animal identification is the exhibitor's responsibility to upload into 4HOnline by **June 1st at 11:59 pm.**
 - Animal registration papers are the exhibitor's responsibility to upload to 4HOnline by **July 1st at 11:59 pm.**
 - Initial weight for market animals is no longer required to participate at the State Fair.
 - DNA collection is the exhibitor's responsibility.
 - Weigh-back processes during State Fair animal exhibitions have been eliminated.
 - **Dog Affidavits** – The dog project entry process will remain the same as past years. Due to the vaccination certificate being on the dog affidavit, it **is still required and needs to be uploaded (including pictures of the dog) by the June 1st deadline.**
 - **Horse Form/Horse Achievement** – The horse project entry process will remain the same as in past years. The Horse Form and Horse Achievement documents **need to be uploaded to 4HOnline by June 1st.**
 - **Lease Agreements** – Lease agreements will be completed as they have in the past (if applicable). **Exhibitors need to upload lease agreements to 4HOnline for leased animals by the June 1st deadline.**
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2018 4-H Rodeo—Registration Deadline May 1

The [entry form packet for the 2018 4-H Regional & State Rodeo](#) is now available on iGrow. In order to be eligible to participate in any SD 4-H Rodeo event participants must:



- Enroll as a 4-H member in **4HOnline**
- Register for Rodeo Project in 4HOnline
- Complete all of the required SD 4-H forms within the rodeo packet
- Submit the Insurance Declaration Form 1 to the county 4-H office by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.
- Submit the rest of the packet to the 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary, Kim Larson. It must be postmarked on/before Tuesday, May 1, 2018, to be eligible to participate in any South Dakota 4-H Rodeo event.

The 4-H State Finals Rodeo will be held at the Stanley County Fairgrounds in Ft. Pierre, SD on Aug. 17-19, 2018.

Junk Drawer Engineering Workshops—New Dates!

February 18-24 is Engineers Week, so now is a great time to think about creating opportunities for youth to engage in engineering activities.



Five workshops will be held for any interested adult to learn more about Junk Drawer Curriculum. If you are interested contact the Extension Office for more information. Registration will soon be available through iGrow.

Brookings: March 3 – Registration due Feb. 21
Gettysburg: March 24 – Registration due Feb. 28
Aberdeen: March 17 – Registration due March 1

Winner: March 24 – Registration due March 9
Rapid City: April 21 – Registration due April 1

2018 Spring Leaders Conference

The 2018 Spring Leaders Conference will be hosted by Spink, Beadle & Hand Counties. It will be held on Saturday, February 24th from 9:30 am-1:30 pm at the Nordby Center in Huron.

Blanket Buddies—2017-18 Youth Council Community Service Project

The 2017-18 4-H Youth Council Community Service Project will be “Blanket Buddies”. 4-H families, clubs, and/or counties are asked to “put their hands to larger service” by making tie fleece blankets and donating them to area health care facilities (i.e. hospitals, clinics, assisted livings, etc.) and/or shelters. 4-H clubs/members are asked to keep track of the blankets they donate and report the numbers to the Extension Office.



Results of 2016-17 4-H Youth Council Community Service Project

During the 2016-17 statewide Head-to-Toe community service project, 4-H members donated a total of 19,474 items of clothing for people in need. Tripp County facilitated the highest number of donations overall with nearly 7,000 donations to 15 different organizations in their community. While the communities of South Dakota benefit most from this project, Tripp county will be awarded a plaque and \$50 credit in the 4-H mall for all of their effort.

Swine Green-tagging Requirement for 2018



A vote was passed by the 4-H Leader's Association to require all swine to be green-tagged in order to participate in Brookings County shows beginning in 2018. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

2017-2018 4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year began October 1 and runs through September 30, 2018.

Please complete the re-enrollment process on [4-HOnline](#) (can also be accessed through www.iGrow.org) in order to be an active member for the 2017-18 4-H Year.

Reminder...in order to enroll in 4-H, youth must be 8 years old **on or before January 1, 2018**.

Youth can not be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2018.

If you have been enrolled in 4-H before you **do not need** to create a new profile.

Contact the office if you need assistance.



Volunteers will need to renew by completing a new volunteer work agreement form.

These are now required to be completed once a year. Additionally, volunteers will need to complete volunteer training videos and watch a Civil Rights training video which is now available.

It has been uploaded to 4-H Online on the second page of enrollment under the additional information page.

If you have already re-enrolled, please go into the additional information page and complete the civil right training at the top of the page and sign and date the comment box.

Black Hills Sports Show Archery Shoot—Feb. 10 & 11

Black Hills Archery of Rapid City will be hosting an open archery shoot during the 36th annual [Black Hills Sports Show and Outdoor Expo](#). The shoot will be held on February 10-11 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, SD. All participants must reserve a shooting time by calling Black Hills Archery at 605-394-9663.

To view the schedule visit <http://bhssportsshow.com/archery-shoot-out/>

The entrance fee for youth and adult shooters is \$3 (when entering with archery equipment or a 4-H wristband). Spectators can purchase a family weekend pass \$20, adult pass \$8, or youth pass \$5. Kids 5 and under attend for free. Contact [Katie Kraus](#) with your address and she will mail you 4-H wristbands to be eligible for the reduced fee.

Upcoming Junior Point Sanctioned Calf Shows



March 2-4—[Jackrabbit Memorial Calf Show](#)—Sioux Falls, South Dakota (scholarship deadline—Feb. 1)

Visit <https://www.jackrabbitmemorial.com/> to find the schedule and additional information.

LIKE Brookings 4-H on Facebook!

Miss out on any 4-H events, updates or news? Brookings 4-H is on FACEBOOK....you can find us at [Brookings County 4-H](#)! We frequently post about upcoming events, 4-H pictures, schedule changes and much more!

